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Title: METHODS OF SYNTHESIZING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES USING CARBONATE  
PROTECTING GROUPS AND ALPHA-EFFECT NUCLEOPHILE DEPROTECTION

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 28, 2005, please reconsider this application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper. As this paper is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response, no extension fee accompanies this paper.

The *Listing of the Claims* begins on page 2 of this document. Amendments to the claims are reflected therein. With this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, and the remaining claims are unchanged.

*Remarks* begin on page 8 of this document.